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1. 1. UNDER THE HEADING "FOREIGN PRESS CRITICIZES  
WHITE HOUSE ACTION", MARCH 4 PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA  
CARRY A TASS ROUNDUP OF CRITICAL REACTIONS BY THE U.S.  
AND FOREIGN PRESS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH  
VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY. IT NOTES THAT:

--DOUBTS AS TO THE WISDOM AND CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTION ARE BEING VOICED BY U.S. NEWSPAPERS WHICH ARE BY NO MEANS FRIENDLY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION;

--THE U.S. POSITION IS HYPOCRITICAL, GIVEN U.S. FAILURE TO PUT ITS OWN HOUSE IN ORDER OR TO TAKE FORTHRIGHT ACTION AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY ITS FRIENDS AND ALLIES (CHILE, SOUTH KOREA AND NICARAGUA BEING CITED AS EXAMPLES);

--THE MAJORITY OF FOREIGN COMMENTATORS "CHARACTERIZE THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE LEADERS OF THE PRESENT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AS UNPRECEDENTED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO STATES".

2. FOREIGN REACTIONS CITED BY TASS INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

--REPUBLIKE (ITALIAN): AUTHORITATIVE U.S. COMMENTATORS DO NOT CONCEAL CONCERN THAT THE DEVELOPING SITUATION CAN GET OUT OF CONTROL AND BOOMERANG ON THE U.S. ITSELF;

--PAESE SERA (ITALIAN): THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION CAN HAVE "POSSIBLE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES" ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS;

--SANKEI SHIMBUN (JAPAN): A "STONE HAS BEEN THROWN" AT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS;

--TANYUG: IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HOPES TO RECONCILE DETENTE WITH BUKOVSKIY'S RUDE ATTACKS ON THIS POLICY;

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--TIMES OF INDIA: IN THEIR TIME, PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN THE NAME OF PRESERVING THE ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION, REFUSED TO MAKE AN ANALAGOUS GESTURE TOWARD THE RENEGADE SOLZHENITSYN.

--THE ROUNDUP CONCLUDES WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT THE U.S. PRESS IS PUBLISHING STATEMENTS BY PROMINENT AMERICAN PERSONALITIES POINTING OUT THE NECESSITY FOR U.S.-SOVIET COLLABORATION IN SOLVING "PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO ALL HUMANITY", AND CITING SENATOR SPARKMAN'S DECLARATION THAT "OUR BASIC GOAL . . . IS NOT CONFRONTATION BUT DETENTE."

3. THE LATEST ISSUE OF ZA RUBEZHOM (NO. 10, MARCH 4-10) REPRINTS AN ACIDLY ETCHED SATIRICAL STORY FROM THE CZECH PAPER RUDE PRAVO ENTITLED "APPARITION IN THE WHITE HOUSE". INTRO-

DUCTORY EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ACTION "NOT ONLY ASTONISHED WORLD OPINION BUT GAVE RISE TO WELL-DESERVED SARCASTIC PRESS COMMENTS". RUDE PRAVO COMPARES BUKOVSKIY TO AN APPARITION IN A HAUNTED CASTLE GOING AROUND CLANKING ITS CHAINS. BUT THIS APPARITION EARNED ITS CHAINS BY COMMITTING CRIMES, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP IN A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND ANTI-SOVIET PROVOCATIONS--ACTIONS PUNISHABLE IN ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE U.S. "IS THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT REALLY THAT NAIVE, AND DOES HE REALIZE WHAT A DANGEROUS GAME HE IS PLAYING? UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HIS EVIL ADVISERS, THE PRESIDENT EVIDENTLY WISHES TO TURN HUMAN RIGHTS AS INTERPRETED BY BUKOVSKIY AND OTHER SABOTEURS INTO AN INSTRUMENT FOR INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THIS CAN END ONLY WITH HIS DEFEAT."

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4. COMMENT. THE USE OF FOREIGN SOURCES TO EXPRESS VIEWS HELD BY THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES IS.M, OF COURSE, A STANDARD TECHNIQUE. THE APPEARANCE OF THE RUDE PRAVO RATION PROBABLY INDICATES MOSCOW'S INTENTION TO ORCHESTRATE A WARSAW PACT PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.  
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